



Poet Mark Gibbons

Mark Gibbons is one of the state's finest poets. He established Blind Horses Press in 2011 and is currently working on editing and publishing a collection of Montana poets, and he also teaches poetry for The Missoula Writing Collaborative.

Gibbons has a BA in English and Psychology, as well as an MFA in creative writing from The University of Montana. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. His first chapbook of poems, *Something Inside Us*, was self-published in 1995, and a second, *Circling Home*, won the Scattered Cairns Press chapbook competition in 1999. He has collaborated with Appalachian poet Michael Revere, and his latest collection, *Forgotten Dreams*, from Foothills Publishing, 2012, also features the portrait photography of Lee Nye.

Gibbons was praised by application reviewers for his “clear-eyed ability to look at himself and lay himself out there” and described as an “heir to a long tradition of male blue-collar poetry... pushing that envelope farther and farther out.”

Mark has read his poetry in venues across the state in museums, book stores, book festivals and auditoriums. He has been a featured reader at the Northern Arizona Book Festival.